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NEW PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): NODE CONTROL DEVICE, NODE DEVICE AND OPTICAL PATH SETTING METHOD

By (Inventors): Yoshihiro NAKAHIRA

- ☒ 87 pages of Specification/Claims 1-29/Abstract are attached.
☒ Formal drawings (Fig. 1-20; 20 sheets) is attached.
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
☒ An assignment of the invention to OKI ELECTRIC INDUSTRY CO., LTD., is filed herewith, along with form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
☐ A Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is filed herewith.
☐ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. ___, filed ___--
☒ Priority of foreign application No. 213185/1999 filed July 28, 1999 in JAPAN is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.

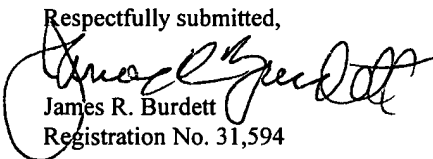
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- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$1,320.00** is attached hereto. Except as otherwise noted herein, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.
- ☐ This application is entitled to small entity status. DO NOT charge large entity fees to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,


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